

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 805

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Anna Maples, 2008 Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anna Maples is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Maples has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Anna Maples has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, including Junior and Senior Beta Clubs, National Honors Society, Teen Board, Spanish Club, Seymour High Mixed Ensemble, and Varsity Cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, her academic prowess has been duly noted with the bestowing of many awards and accolades, such as the Most Dependable Senior Superlative, Honor Roll, and academic achievement awards in Honors English II and III and Honors Chemistry I and II; she was also named in *Who's Who Among High School Students* and *Who's Who Among Foreign Language Students*; and

WHEREAS, Anna's fellow students recognized her tremendous leadership abilities and elected her Senior Class Secretary and Spanish Club Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a benevolent person who is always willing to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate, Ms. Maples has selflessly volunteered her time and talents to such worthy

causes as the Fantasy of Trees, the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministry, the Rainbow House, Boo at the Zoo, and Ocoee Outreach in Cleveland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Anna's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she is the recipient of the Hope Scholarship and the UT University Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Anna Maples' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jeff and Kim Maples, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anna Maples' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Seymour High School Valedictorian, Ms. Anna Maples, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.